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Giant "Insects" Take Over Miami Beach Convention Center

-- Sarruga Makes its Florida Premiere in Free Performances --

Miami Beach, FL -- What if you woke up one summer day and discovered that the tables had been turned – that you had shrunk to the size of an ant, and towering above you were a giant spider, an enormous praying mantis, and a huge, snapping Venus flytrap? No, it is not another sequel to "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids."

It is the Florida premiere of Sarruga, Barcelona's famed street theater group. Spectacular giant insects will cavort in an indoor show filled with music, lights and movement. The City of Miami Beach's acclaimed Arts in the Parks series moves into the Miami Beach Convention Center for Sarruga's spectacular "Insects." This unique, not-to-be-missed entertainment will be held July 22 – 25 in Hall B. The family event is free.

"We're so excited," said Max Sklar, Miami Beach's director of Tourism and Cultural Development. "We had hoped to bring Sarruga for the first Sleepless Night. When we heard they were coming to perform in Chicago's Millennium Park this summer, we jumped on the chance to present them to the people of South Florida."

"Insects" is made possible by the City of Miami Beach Department of Tourism and Cultural Development and Arts in the Parks, with Centro Cultural Espanol, the Bass Museum of Art, and the Catalina Hotel and Beach Club.

Schedule:

Thursday & Friday, July 22 & 23, 10:30 a.m.: Demonstrations, arts and crafts for the kids

Saturday, July 24, 3:00 p.m.: *Performance* Sunday, July 25, 11:00 a.m.: *Performance*

Miami Beach Convention Center Hall B, 1800 Washington Avenue

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